

Dear Sir or Madam of the Federal Communications Commission:

I am writing because of my concern that the pending legislation in both houses of Congress threaten my right to fully free PUBLIC and ACCESSIBLE public access television. I strongly urge the FCC to stand in favor of local franchises, rather than catering to the wishes of larger communications companies who would impose their self-serving limitations and agendas on this outlet. There is precious little left in the way of locally-produced, responsive programming even in this city which is the world's capital of media. In addition, I rely on the availability of public, educational and governmental television and the advantage of being local in those realms as well. What's more, I distrust the potential that would be available to large communications companies if they were to take over public access, concerning rate increases, their responsiveness to the consumer, and their willingness to serve same viewing area as the locals.